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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: G. C. Neurauter
HARUO MACHIDA ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2143
Appln. No.: 09/407,300)
: Filed: September 29, 1999)
: For: SYSTEM FOR DISPLAYING)
CONNECTION CONDITION OF)
DEVICE PROVIDED ON)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being enclosed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 24.

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